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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

REMARKS

The Office Action has been carefully evaluated and this Reply prepared in response. Reconsideration of claims 1 – 11 in the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 12 – 14.

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,793,136 to Redzic, claims 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Redzic in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,005,317 to Lamb, claims 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Redzic in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,124,606 to Eisenbeis, and claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Redzic in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,117,141 to Hawsey et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed based upon the following remarks.